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# International Collaboration

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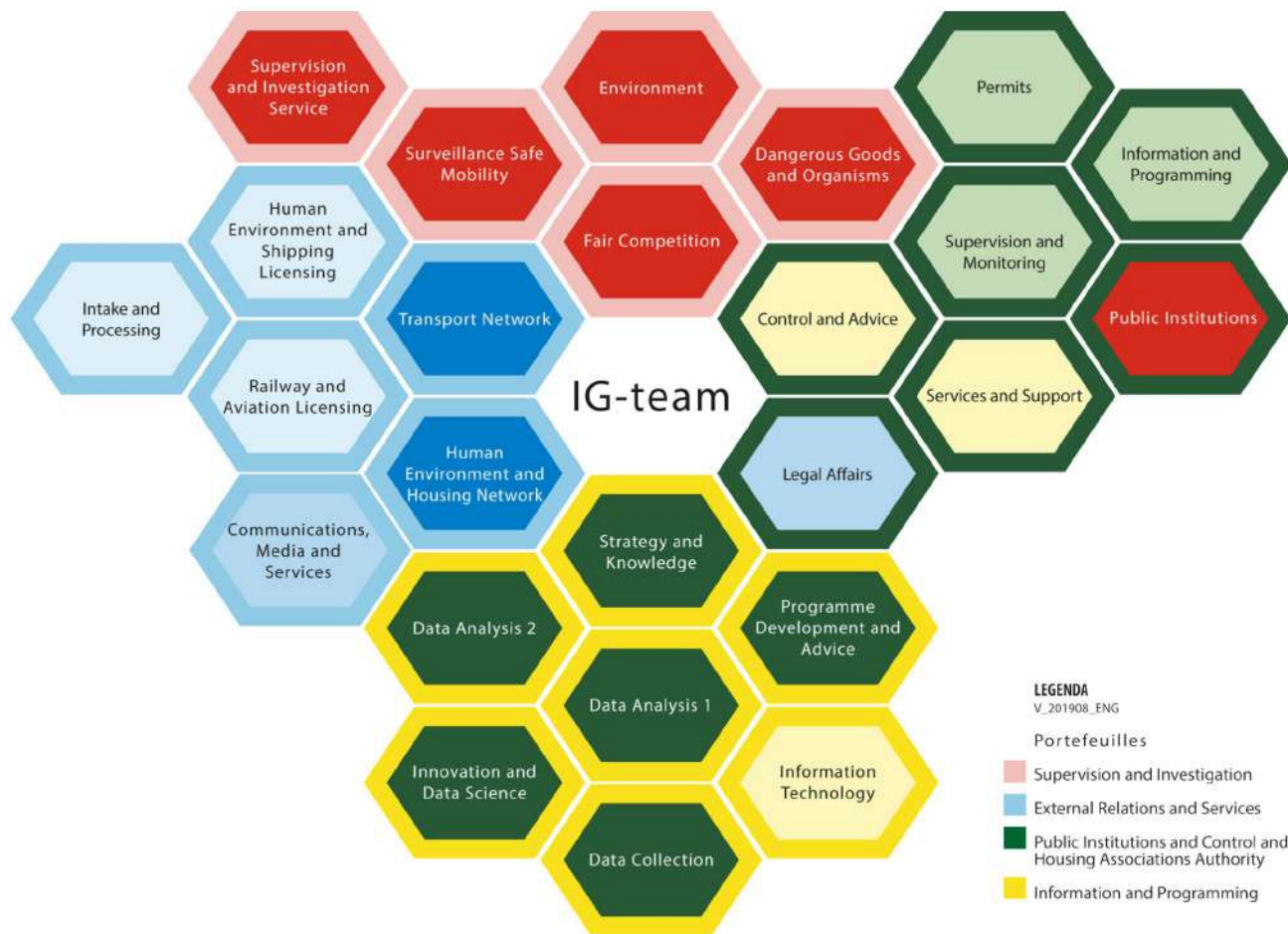
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# Collaboration

Our environment has no boundaries

- We should collaborate as if there are no boundaries.
- Use each others possibilities and strengths.
- The result is as strong as the weakest link.





# ILT national collaboration

- Port Authorities
- Police
- Local environment authorities
- Other inspectorates (health, nature, nuclear, mining)
- Customs
- Environmental organisations
- Industry and trade associations





# ILT international collaboration

- **Bilateral**  
through joint activities, agreements and information exchange
- **European**  
through networks and European projects and activities
- **Intercontinental**  
through networks and international projects and activities



# Examples bilateral collaboration

- NL- Belgium Ireland UK agreement  
7 environmental authorities  
on waste shipment compliance
- NL- China agreement
- ministries of environment  
on waste, dangerous goods, water management etc
- NL- Ghana agreement
- Ghana EPA, port authority, customs  
on e-waste



## Ghana – Netherlands agreement



Ghana EPA, Ghana Harbours and Ports authority,  
Ghana Customs, and Dutch Inspectorate





# Agreement Ghana

- collaborate to improve and facilitate enforcement and compliance to prevent harmful import and dumping of e-waste into Ghana in the near future.
- A structure for information exchange between EPA, CEPS, GPHA and VI would guarantee the mutual understanding of Ghanaian and Dutch legislation and working procedures on a good level.
- The EPA and VI will, In cooperation with the other signatories, conduct a feasibility study to research the possibilities for setting up the recycling of e-waste and contribute to the decrease of environmental harm of WEEE in Ghana.



# Visit Ghanaian Minister of Environment





## Results

- Informal e-waste recycling in Ghana: Socioeconomic assessment and feasibility study on international recycling co-operations for sustainable resource efficiency
- Exchanges of officers and information
- Data and intelligence exchange with customs
- EU-Africa Project on training and capacity building
- New e-waste legislation in Ghana
- International e-waste Conference in The Hague



# Visit NL







# Visit Ghana





# Visit Agbogbloshie





# Example European collaboration

European Union Network for Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law IMPEL



European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law

<https://www.impel.eu/topics/waste-and-tfs/>



# IMPEL work on environmental and waste crime

- LIFE SWEAP Project
- WasteForce Project
- SPIDERWEB Project
- End of life ships
- Chinese import ban and plastics
- E-waste Enforcement Network



The IMPEL LIFE SWEAP project (LIFE17 GIE/BE/000480) has received funding from the LIFE programme of the European Union







# Example intercontinental collaboration

- UN Environment Programme (Basel Rotterdam Stockholm)
- World Customs Organisation (Demeter)
- Interpol (30 days at sea)
- Asian Network for prevention of illegal transboundary movements of hazardous wastes

[https://www.env.go.jp/en/recycle/asian\\_net/](https://www.env.go.jp/en/recycle/asian_net/)





# Interpol e-waste collaboration





# Another great example!







# Africa – Europe

We are connected, we are communicating  
Now what should we DO together?

- Exchange information and data?
- Help each other to find solutions?
- Joint environmental inspections?
- Stimulate sustainable initiatives?
- Use each others tools and innovations?
- Stop environmental crime?
- ...



Thank you!

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